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Non-Dissemination of Poppe Reports

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Reports 3773, 3776, 3777, 3778, 3779, 3780, 3781, 3782, 3783, 3784, 3785, 3786, 3787, 3788, 3789, 3790, 3791, 3792, 3793, of various dates, all of which were submitted as responsive to Guide 182.

1. Referenced reports will not be disseminated because they do not contain any new information of intelligence value. When the first two of this series were received, we frankly were at somewhat of a loss as to what to do with them. After countless discussions, we decided to change them in order to limit dissemination to the only consumers whom we felt might be interested. To put it simply, they weren't.
2. OCI politely but firmly requested that we remove them from the distribution list, adding that the reports not only added nothing in comparison with Guide 182, but appeared to be gleaned directly from "Pravda" or other Soviet press releases. OCI also advised us that they had positioned at least one of the question of possible interest to anyone and had come up with the same negative answer that this Branch had earlier.
3. Here again, as in the case of the recent Poppe reports based on geographic data in the Great Soviet Encyclopedia, we feel that disseminating them would be embarrassing to us and would have a dismaying effect on our entire program. If the opportunity should occur, it would be interesting to ascertain whether [] did use for his jottings.

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